

# Lasers For Force Protection

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**Full Dimensional Protection** 

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## The Big Protection Issues

- Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Countering Air and Missile Threats
- **Countering Terrorism**
- **Combat Identification**



#### **Full Dimensional Protection** Elements Of

Ref: Concept for Future Joint Operations May 1997

1. Control of the battlespace	1. Control of the battlespace 3.2 Full range of offensive and defensive actions
1.1 Protect from a full range of threats	3.2.1 Joint counter air & missile
1.1.1 Attacks where we are vulnerable	3.2.2 Information Operations
1.1.2 Attacks in our rear areas	3.2.3 Manned and Unmanned Platforms
1.1.3 Disruption of strategic Comm	3.2.4 Sensor grid
1.1.4 Attacks on Host Nation Support	3.3Passive protection
1.1.5 Coercion of partners	3.3.1 Awareness of threat
1.1.6 Terrorist attacks	3.3.2 Enhance Deception and Camouflage
2. Information Superiority	3.3.3 Increased personal protection
2.1See the battlespace	3.3.4 Dispersed operations
2.2Discriminate friend and foe	3.3.5 Improved electronic countermeasures
2.3Anticipate and control enemy action	3.3.6 Joint restoration from WMD
2.4Disseminate threat Information	3.3.7 New sensors to detect WMD
2.5Protect Information systems	3.4Offensive and Defensive actions
2.6Deny adversary information systems	systems 3.4.1 Active and passive protection
3. Multilayered Protection	3.4.2 ID and track friendly vulnerabilities
3.1Broad range of threats	3.4.3 Discriminate friend and foe

3.4.4 Safety and health initiatives



## Advantages of LASERS

- Power
- Speed of Light
- Coherence
- Short Wavelength
- LWIR to X-RAY
- Wavelength Selectability
- **Modulation Options**
- Time Domain, Frequency Domain, Phase, Polarization
- High Bandwidth
- **Detector Options**
- Imaging, Modulation Specific
- Compact



## Example Applications Weapons

Theater High Energy Laser (THEL)

Airborne Laser

X Power
X Speed of Light
Coherence
Short Wavelength
Wavelength Selectability
<b>Modulation Options</b>
High Bandwith
Detector Options
Compact



## Example Applications Sensors for Counter WMD

 Detect Gas, Aerosol or Particulate Clouds Identify Chemicals or Biologicals

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#### Example Applications Combat ID

# Precision Targeting Identification (PTI)

Speed of Light  X Coherence Short Wavelength Wavelength Selectability  X Modulation Options  X High Bandwith  X Detector Options  X Compact	Power	
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#### Lasers In ACTDs

(ACTD Web Site www.acq.osd.mil/at)

- Theater High Energy LASER (THEL ACTD)
- Destroy Katyusha Style Rockets
- Precision Targeting Identification (PTI ACTD)
- Micro Doppler Signatures
- Precision Track
- Unattended Ground Sensors (UGS ACTD)
- Ceilometer to Measure Cloud Height
- Rapid Force Protection Initiative (RFPI ACTD)
- Forward Observer/Forward Air Control (FO/FAC)Hunter Sensor Suite (Range Measurement)
- Remote Sentry (Range Measurement)
- Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT ACTD)
- Forward Observer/Forward Air Control (FO/FAC)



#### MISSION:

- Detect, Track, Identify Non-Cooperative Air, Land and Sea Targets
- Demonstrate Capability Aboard JIATFE Counter Drug P-3 aircraft **PERFORMANCE Requirement:**
- Detect, Track, and ID
- Aircraft to 35 NM, Ships to 30 NM, Ground Targets to 12 NM Passively
- Day/night Operations Vs. Small, Fast, Non-Metallic Hulled Vessels **TECHNOLOGIES:**
- · 3RD Gen MWIR Staring FLIR with a 4X Increase in Range
- Navy Developed Stand Off Electro-optical System
- Infrared LADAR system
- Precise 3D Track
- Non-Cooperative Target Identification (Vibration Signature Analysis)
- Developed under Navy Combat ID Sponsored 6.3 Program
- Shipboard and Airborne Sensor Packages Developed Under **USN Radiant Mist and Outlaw Programs**



# **Unattended Ground Sensor**

FY 98 ACTD

- **Unattended MASINT Sensors**
- Find and Identify Time Critical Targets
- Remote Miniature Weather Station (RMWS)
- **USSOCOM Requirement**
- Local "NOW" Weather (Temperature, Wind, Visibility, etc)
- Ceiling Height Requirements
- » +/- 10 ft below 1500 ft and +/-100 ft above to 12000ft
- » Air Deployable (3000Gs impact)
- » All Weather operation
- » Satellite Readout
- Ceilometer Design
- $_{
  m *}$  LASER Trans: 16mm Aperture, 20mJ-5ns Pulses, 1.06  $\mu m$  Freq
- » Laser Receiver: 50 mm Aperture
- » Total System weight 14 lb.



#### Some Needs

See Through Obscurants: Fog, Smoke

Range Gating

Recognize Man Made Objects

Polarization

Identify Objects

Range Profiles, Other

Auto Land in Category 3 Weather and Obscurants

Forward Scatter

Penetrate Foliage and Camouflage

Exploit Multiple Small Openings

See and Communicate Inside of Buildings

Sterilize Chemicals or Biologicals

Speculative !



### Some Requirements

- Cost Effective
- 80% solutions
- Safe
- Rugged
- Minimal Skills Required for Operation
- Maintainable
- If Man Portable
- Small
- Simple
- Light Weight
- Low Power Needs
- Low Signature